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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/US04/13102

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
- ☐ a translation of the international application into English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-19 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages 20-23 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- pages 1-20 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

1. ☒ In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has, within the applicable time limit:
- ☐ restricted the claims.
 - ☐ paid additional fees.
 - ☐ paid additional fees under protest, and, where applicable, the protest fee
 - ☐ paid additional fees under protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid
 - ☒ neither restricted the claims nor paid additional fees

2. ☐ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.

3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is:

☐ complied with.

☒ not complied with for the following reasons:

Group I, claim(s) 1-5,8,10, drawn to a grinding assembly with a hopper.

Group II, claim(s) 6,7, drawn to an assembly method for a grinder.

Group III, claim(s) 9, drawn to providing grinder information.

The inventions listed as Groups I,II,III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the special technical feature of Group I is the use of a particular hopper. The special technical feature of Group II is the assembly steps for the grinder. The special technical feature of Group III is the providing of grinder information.

4. Consequently, this report has been established in respect of the following parts of the international application:

☐ all parts

☒ the parts relating to claims Nos. 1-5,8,10

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PCT/US04/13102**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>8</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-5,10</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>8</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-5,10</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-5,8,10</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-5,10 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by the European '763 publication.

Claims 1-5,10 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Maguire.

Claim 10 lacks novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by the Food Equipment Technologies publication.

Claim 8 meets the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the magnetic assembly used to locate the hopper shutter.

Claims 1-5,8,10 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----
WO 00/65969 A(FOOD EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGIES), 9 November 2000, see entire document

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

Claim 1 is objected to under PCT Rule 66.2(a)(iii) as containing the following defect(s) in the form or contents thereof: lines 7-8 'being positionable....grinder assembly' is a typographical error.